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Gene Cotter Appointed New Chief Probation Officer for Adult Probation in Lincoln

Gene Cotter has been appointed the new Chief Probation Officer for the adult probation office in Lincoln effective October 13, 2009.

Cotter began his employment with the Nebraska Probation System as a probation officer in Gering in August 1990 and transferred to Lincoln as an intensive supervision probation officer in 1995. He was appointed as a Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS) officer in January 2006 and in February 2007 was appointed Supervisor of the adult probation district in Lincoln.

Cotter is a dedicated probation professional and is known as an individual who strives to provide qualitative and innovative services to the judiciary, offenders, and the community. He possesses extensive knowledge concerning probation's work product and the dynamics of probation's risk management, and has experience supervising probation staff.

Cotter graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. He received training in such Evidence-Based Practices as Motivational Interviewing, Social Learning Theory/Criminal Thinking, Level of Service/Management Inventory, Thinking for a Change, and the Standardized Model for Substance Abuse Services. He served on the district's evidence-based practices (EBP) implementation team. Cotter has been a trainer for the cognitive program "Thinking for a Change," Youthful Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) case planning, officer safety and de-escalation of aggression. He has served on Probation's Community Corrections Programs Committee, chaired the Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision subcommittee as well as the Community-Based Resources – Low/Very Low subcommittee, and served on the Electronic Reporting Services (ERS) subcommittee. Cotter currently serves on the Community- and Probation-Based Programs and Services committee.

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